I hereby certify that this petition is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, on 2/27/97, in an envelope addressed to: Box Missing Part; Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Jay B. Beatty, Intellectual Property Administrator

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Christie, et al.

Application No.:

08/754,354

Title:

"SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INTERFACING A LOCAL

COMMUNICATION DEVICE"

Filed:

November 22, 1996

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) AND 1.42

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sirs,

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application received January 27, 1997, that provides notice that the signature(s) to the oath or declaration is/are missing, Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R 1.47(a) and 1.42 to file the Declarations for the above-referenced application on their behalf and on behalf of deceased joint inventor Joseph Michael Christie.

Applicants submit the following:

- Proof of the legal respresentative status of Joseph S. Christie and Jean M. Christie is provided by copy of the Letters of Administration provided as Exhibit A.
- Proof of refusal of the legal respresentatives to sign the Declaration is provided by the
 Declaration of Jay B. Beatty and Exhibit B, Exhibit C and Exhibit D. The Declaration of Jay B.
 Beatty states that application papers were sent to Joseph S. Christie and Jean M. Christie. The

Declaration of Jay B. Beatty states that he received an unsigned Declaration and an express written refusal to sign with signatures of Joseph S. Christie and Jean M. Christie. The mailing label is provided as Exhibit B. The unsigned Declaration is provided as Exhibit C. The express refusal to sign is provided as Exhibit D.

• The last known address of Joseph S. Christie and Jean M. Christie is:

R.D. #1, Box 435

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- The original Declaration of the remaining joint inventors on behalf of the deceased joint inventor is enclosed.
- Enclosed is the original Assignment with signatures of each joint inventor of the above-referenced application to Sprint Communications Company L.P. The assignment includes signatures of Joseph S. Christie and Jean M. Christie, legal representatives of the estate of Joseph Michael Christie.
- Also included is an original Power of Attorney granted by the assignee, Sprint Communications Company L.P., to registered attorneys Harley Ball and Michael Setter.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.42 and 1.47, Applicants submit respectully submit the above Declarations are in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$130.00 fee for the filing of this petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(h), and any additional fees under C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Sprint Communications Company, L.P., Deposit Account Number 21-0765.

Respectfully submitted,

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